

a number of different charities and causes, ranging from providing loans for college students to assisting the sick and the elderly in getting to Sunday Mass.

Other examples of service activities in Minnesota include: a fund drive in support of the construction of Catholic schools conducted by Council 7604 in Eagan, Minnesota; the bowling team from Council 961 in St. Cloud, Minnesota, which raised over \$6,000 for Big Brothers-Big Sisters; and the sponsoring of youth hockey by Council 3166 in Detroit Lakes, Minnesota.

Mr. President, I am pleased to report that the "World's Largest Catholic Family Fraternal Organization" has a commanding presence in Minnesota and will continue to provide communities with an excellent example of how to live a fulfilling life of maximum service to God and country. I am honored to have this opportunity to acknowledge and thank the Knights of Columbus for all their work, and offer my sincerest congratulations on the 116th anniversary of their founding. •

TRIBUTE TO THE KENTUCKY WILDCATS: 1998 NCAA NATIONAL BASKETBALL CHAMPIONS

• Mr. McCONNELL. Mr. President, 50 years ago this month, the University of Kentucky accomplished a feat still unmatched in college basketball history. As every backyard all-star in the Commonwealth can tell you, that was the year of the original Fabulous Five.

You see in Kentucky, we have a habit of naming our most special Wildcat teams, and 1948 may have been the most special of the bunch. That group, led by Alex Groza, Ralph Beard and Wah Wah Jones not only earned Kentucky's first NCAA men's college basketball championship trophy but went on to bring home a gold medal from the 1948 Olympics.

Flash forward Fifty years into the future, to see another edition of the Wildcats, and equally high expectations. Led by seniors Jeff Sheppard, Allen Edwards, and Cameron Mills, the 1998 Cats came into the season facing an uncertain future. While expectations are always high at Kentucky, this year's squad exceeded even the most optimistic fan's hopes.

Under the expert leadership of first-year head coach, Tubby Smith, these Wildcats will be raising the school's 7th NCAA championship banner to the rafters of Rupp Arena. But Mr. President, there is so much more to this story than wins and losses.

While the '48 team was appropriately known as the Fab Five, this year's national champions will go down in Wildcat history as maybe the most perfect embodiment of the word "team" in Kentucky's legacy of excellence. Time after time when the odds seemed insurmountable this team willed itself to victory.

A quick review of the final three games of this year's tournament re-

veals the heart of a lion. Down 17 points with less than 10 minutes to play against a Duke squad that had been ranked #1 for most of the year, the Comeback Cats put together a frenzied charge, outscoring the Blue Devils 17 - 1 during a crucial stretch. What made the feat all the more impressive was that every player contributed.

In the Final Four, the Cats squared off against the Stanford Cardinal, the West Coast power that spent the majority of the season undefeated. Down by 5 at half, the Cats did what was natural for them, they put together a rally, eventually winning the contest in overtime. This victory was fueled by one of the most gritty performances in Final Four history, as senior Jeff Sheppard poured in 27 of the Cats 74 points.

What could top this effort in the finals? How about the greatest come-from-behind victory in the history of the NCAA championship. Down 10 at the half, and 12 early in the second half, this selfless group of young men redoubled their efforts and chipped away at the Utah lead. Steadily the tide began to shift behind three point baskets from Heshimu Evans, and Kentucky natives Cameron Mills and Scott Padgett. Refusing to wilt under the pressure of facing the hottest team in the nation, Kentucky hammered away defensively and converted on the offensive end. In the end, Utah's game effort was not enough and the Cats posted a 78 - 69 victory in seizing their second national title in three years.

In what has become habit for the Comeback Cats, the team drew on its strengths and refused to panic. Under the masterful eye of Coach Smith and the intelligent play of a host of stars, the team accomplished its dream of bringing home the title.

So, Mr. President, while we look back fondly on the Fabulous Five of 1948, I am content to take senior Jeff Sheppard's advice to "appreciate the precious present," and embrace these Comeback Cats as the greatest "team" to ever put on the Kentucky uniform. It is impossible to appreciate the intensity and effort these young men put forth as they met and exceeded every challenge in their path during the 1997-98 season.

Mr. President, I ask each of my colleagues to join me in honoring the University of Kentucky, history-making coach Tubby Smith, athletic director C. M. Newton, and most importantly each and every talented player on the 1998 Championship Wildcat team. •

HONORING MORTANA MCCORMICK

• Mr. ROCKEFELLER. Mr. President, I rise today to speak to you on behalf of the citizens of West Virginia. The West Virginia Department of Culture and History has named 1998 "The Year of the Quilt." In the Appalachian Mountain region, and particularly in the great state of West Virginia, the tradition of native crafting, including quilt-

ing, has thrived uninterrupted for over two hundred years.

In 1968, my wife, Sharon, along with a group of community-minded West Virginians assisted a talented group of quilters to form *Mountain Artisans*, a nonprofit group comprised of gifted quilt makers, to help in the preservation and exposure of this artful tradition of design and talent. Many West Virginians considered quilting a part of the mountain state's heritage. My wife and I are particularly fond of the *Mountain Artisans*. When we were expecting our first child, in the late 1960's, the group graciously decided to create a quilt for our first-born. With the assistance of the Sod Sewing Group from Sod, West Virginia, the quilt was completed in mid-September of 1970. The beautiful quilt, which is known as "*The Rockefeller Quilt*" was displayed at the Rockefeller home and today, adorns the wall just outside my office in the Hart Senate Office Building in Washington, D.C.

One master quilter I especially admire is Mortana McCormick of Sod, West Virginia, who contributed to the creation of *The Rockefeller Quilt*. Ms. McCormick, a distinguished quilter, has represented the State well and helped put our state on the "interior design and fashion" map. She has contributed to fashion patchwork designs for Barbra Streisand and museum collections displayed in West Virginia and internationally. Mortana McCormick is just one of the talented artisan-quilters that call West Virginia home. I ask my distinguished colleagues to join me in recognizing this long standing tradition and art, and its many talented artists, including Ms. Mortana McCormick. •

TRIBUTE TO LINCOLN UNIVERSITY

• Mr. BOND. Mr. President, I stand before you today to pay tribute to a truly outstanding University in my home State of Missouri, Lincoln University. Lincoln has played a large role in African American education in my home State of Missouri, as well as across the nation.

Lincoln was founded in 1866 by the Caucasian officers and the African American enlisted men of the 62nd and 65th United States Colored Infantries who fought for the Union during the Civil War. These men wanted to establish a school that would devote itself to educating freed African Americans. By soliciting funds and donating their own salaries, they raised \$6,000 within a few days. With these funds, the soldiers were able to open the doors of Lincoln Institute on September 17, 1866. In 1869, Lincoln began to receive \$5,000 in aid from the State of Missouri for teacher training. By 1940, Lincoln Institute had become Lincoln University and had evolved from a teacher training school to a full University offering Graduate instruction. In each of the decades Lincoln has continually added programs, expanded its facilities and opened its

doors to all applicants that meet its entrance criteria.

This past year the University has come under the new leadership of Dr. David Henson. Dr. Henson became the seventeenth President of Lincoln on July 2, 1997. I am excited about continuing my close relationship with this outstanding University by working with Dr. Henson. He has held many leadership positions during his 25 years of higher education and I know he will continue to strengthen the University's already impeccable reputation.

It is an honor for the entire State of Missouri to have a University like Lincoln, whose service and character-building programs, along with the new guidance of Dr. Henson, will continue down the road of success. I commend Lincoln's President, Dr. David Henson, for his commitment to excellence and hope for continued prosperity in the future.●

1998 DETROIT TIGERS OPENING DAY

● Mr. ABRAHAM. Mr. President, I rise today to send my best wishes to the Detroit Tigers for a successful 1998 season. This afternoon, on opening day, the Tigers will take the field for their 97th year of play. Their opponents, the Tampa Bay Devil Rays, will be taking the field for their first regular season game ever.

I'm sure my colleagues from Florida are confident the Devil Rays are a fine team who will fare well in today's contest. However, I would like to remind them the Devil Rays are facing one of the most storied and successful franchises in major league baseball history. The Tigers will be playing for their 7,623rd American League win while the Devil Rays will be going for number one.

The history of Tigers' baseball in Detroit is replete with the names of current and future Hall of Famers like Ty Cobb, Charlie Gehringer, Hank Greenberg, Hal Newhouser, George Kell, Al Kaline, Alan Trammell, Lou Whitaker, Kirk Gibson, Sparky Anderson, and so forth. The Tigers have won sport's most cherished prize, the World Series, four times, having savored victory in the Fall Classic in 1935, 1945, 1968 and 1984.

I am hopeful the 1998 season will see the Tigers among the ranks of the major league's elite teams where they belong. I, for one, will certainly be watching the next 162 games with interest, hoping to see the Detroit Tigers finish the season as champions of their new division, the American League Central, and from there go on to cap-

ture the pennant and the World Series as well.●

ORDER FOR STAR PRINT—S. 71

Mr. DOMENICI. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that Senate bill 71 be star printed with the changes that are at the desk.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

MEASURE READ THE FIRST TIME—S. 1889

Mr. DOMENICI. Under rule 14, I understand that Senate bill 1889 introduced earlier today by Senator HARKIN is at the desk, and I ask for its first reading.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will read the bill for the first time.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (S. 1889) to reduce tobacco use by children and others through an increase in the cost of tobacco products, the imposition of advertising and marketing limitations, assuring appropriate tobacco industry oversight, expanding the availability of tobacco use cessation programs, and implementing a strong public health prevention and education strategy that involves the private sector, schools, States, and local communities.

Mr. DOMENICI. I now ask for its second reading and object to my own request.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The bill will remain at the desk and have its next reading on the next legislative day.

UNANIMOUS CONSENT REQUEST—CONFERENCE REPORT ON H.R. 1757

Mr. DOMENICI. I ask unanimous consent that it be in order for the majority leader, after the notification of the Democratic leader, but not before April 20 of 1998, to turn to the conference report to accompany H.R. 1757, the State Department reorganization, and it be considered under the following terms: The conference report be considered as having been read and there be 6 hours for debate to be equally divided in the usual form, and following the conclusion or yielding back of time the Senate proceed to vote on adoption of the conference report without any intervening action or debate.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

ORDERS FOR WEDNESDAY, APRIL 1, 1998

Mr. DOMENICI. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that when the Sen-

ate completes its business today it stand in adjournment until 10 a.m. on Wednesday, April 1, and immediately following the prayer, the routine requests through the morning hour be granted and the Senate resume consideration of Senate Concurrent Resolution 86, the budget resolution.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

PROGRAM

Mr. DOMENICI. Tomorrow, the Senate will resume consideration of the budget resolution and, as under a previous unanimous consent agreement, at 12 noon the Senate will vote on or in relation to the Kyl amendment. A further vote will occur on or in relation to the Conrad amendment, as previously stated, at 2 p.m. Several additional votes will hopefully be stacked to occur in sequence at 2 p.m. following the Conrad vote.

In addition, Members can anticipate rollcall votes on a number of pending amendments to the resolution and other amendments which are expected to be offered. Therefore, Members can anticipate a very busy day on floor action. Also, the Senate may consider any executive or legislative business cleared for Senate action.

As a reminder to all Senators, the first vote will occur at 12 noon tomorrow.

Mr. LAUTENBERG. Before adjourning, I want to apologize to the pages for having kept them past 10 o'clock because it deprives them from going to school tomorrow and I feel very badly about that. Please accept my apologies.

Mr. DOMENICI. And we might add, they feel badly also.

ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 10 A.M. TOMORROW

Mr. DOMENICI. Mr. President, if there is no further business to come before the Senate, I now ask unanimous consent the Senate stand in adjournment under the previous order.

There being no objection, the Senate, at 10:02 p.m., adjourned until Wednesday, April 1, 1998, at 10 a.m.

NOMINATIONS

Executive nominations received by the Senate March 31, 1998:

THE JUDICIARY

NORA M. MANELLA, OF CALIFORNIA, TO BE UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE FOR THE CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA VICE MARIANA R. PFAELZER, RETIRED.